

10-4: Sermon Listening Guide



A New People

Ephesians 2:1 – 10

(NIV)

Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh^[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. **4** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. **6** And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the

heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Footnotes

- a. [Ephesians 2:3](#) In contexts like this, the Greek word for *flesh* (*sarx*) refers to the sinful state of human beings, often presented as a power in opposition to the Spirit.



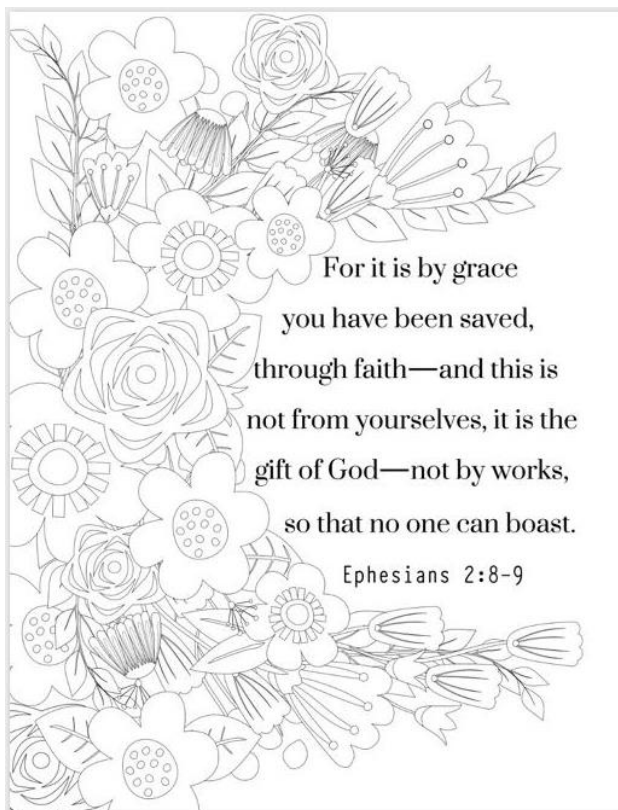
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MAIN TRUTHS:

1. Shared _____ creates new relationships, stories, and community.

2. God's salvation of our lives is the most profound _____ of all.

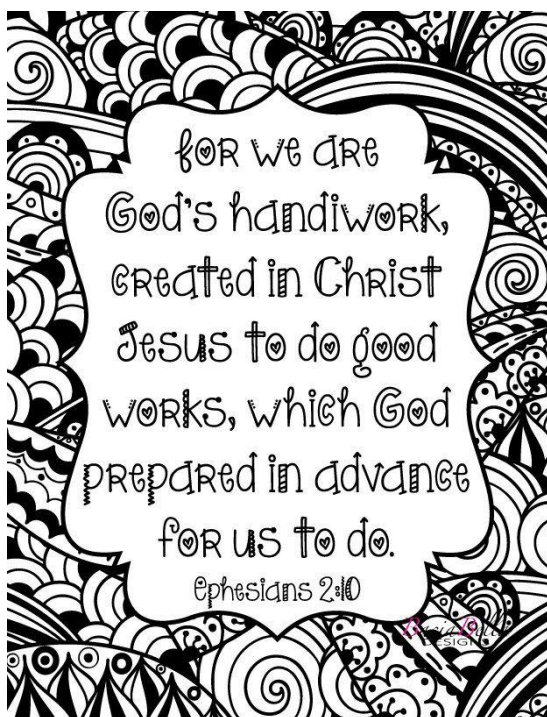
3. This shared _____ is our uniting power as the church.



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Ephesians 2:8-9

NOTES: _____



APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1.What shared experiences in your life has brought you closer to others? Why?

2.Why is our faith in Jesus the most powerful experience of all? Read Ephesians 2:1-10

3.How does this impact the church if we truly share this Ephesians 2 experience?
